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TO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

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SUBJECT: US-UK CONSULTATIONS

1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY LONDON'S RESUME OF RECENT US-UK CONSULTATIONS AS REGARDS INDONESIA.

2. QUOTE MR. SQUIRES OPENED THE DISCUSSION WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE QUEEN'S VISIT TO INDONESIA. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE VISITING PARTY. AS A RESULT OF THE VISIT, THE BRITISH FELT THAT THE SUHARTO GOVERNMENT HAS THINGS UNDER CONTROL AND HAS THE GUTS TO MAKE PROGRESS. MR. INGERSOLL COULD NOT BE SO POSITIVE. HE SAID THAT OUR EMBASSY IN JAKARTA IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EVENTUAL OVERTHROW OF THE SUHARTO GOVERNMENT. EVEN THOUGH INDONESIA IS BENEFITTING FROM SALES OF RESOURCES, THE ACTUAL STANDARD OF LIVING IS FALLING. THERE IS A GREAT SHORTAGE OF MANAGERIAL TALENT.

MR. SQUIRES AGREED THAT THE INDONESIAN REACTION TO THE EVENTS OF JANUARY WAS SHORT TERM. THEY DO NEED TO OPEN UP THEIR SOCIETY. IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT PERTAMINA IS

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BEING USED TO HELP THE OVERALL SITUATION. MR. HUMMEL

NOTED A DISTURBING PROPENSITY ON THE PART OF THE
INDONESIANS TO BLAME ALL OF THEIR TROUBLES ON OUTSIDE,
COMMUNIST AGITATORS.

BOTH SIDES NOTED THAT INDONESIA IS THEIR LARGEST
RECIPIENT OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. (IN THE CASE OF THE
UK FOR COUNTRIES OUTSIDE THE COMMONWEALTH.) UNQUOTE.

3. FULL REPORT BEING POUCHED. KISSINGER

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